

BEFORE SPRING 1903

THE AMAZON GAME
THE PROTESTER'S GAME
THE BITCHES' GAME!

1973BH

A LETTER:

Dear Stansileb:

Got your carbon copy issue for the Amazon's game---haven't had time to write sooner since we just finished getting DW & out. Oh, what a pain! Anyway I must tell you that I am STILL opposed to having an unidentified player (UP) in the Amazon's Game. Walter told me that it is a guy---and if that is the reason he doesn't want to be revealed, that doesn't bother me. The other Amazon's game is now predominantly men! (But we women are wiping them out!) So, there are still 2 reasons I oppose the UP---I don't like the little idea of having to communicate with him through the GM (no offense to you); having to rely on the USPS is bad enough and the game will be considered irregular and thus unratable---and I have as good a chance to win as anyone. I also know that Margaret is also unhappy about the UP. So, unless the player is revealed, please consider this a resignation on my part.

-- QUEEN SUZANNE

A VERBAL MESSAGE:

"I protest the GM as being prejudiced and unfair. I do not receive my moves in the mail as the others do. The GM is definitely irregular!" --C.L.K.WROBEL

EXCERPTS FROM A NOTE:

"I would like to protest June being in the game. You know no one has a chance now! Not even Augie the three-legged wonder dog!" ---THE HIGH POTENT OF TURKEY

ANOTHER LETTER:

Dear Stan:

I am resigning from this game, 1973BH, because of what I think is poor handling of the game as a whole. Combined with this is the fact that I have lost all interest in the players and playing. My replacement as Austris: Blair Cusack, 1620-42nd St. S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada T3C 1Z5. I hope you have better success with your remaining players and manage to regularize your publication. Sincerely, --Lerelle

THE ULTIMATE PUT-DOWN:

"Dear Stan:

You have not heard any further anguished cries about Samantha? Your mailman has not been delivering your mail lately?!?! I think I will have to discuss it with Carol Ann about going to the Diplomacy Board or somewhere to get that name of the player. It is cowardly and totally unfair of any player not to reveal their whole real name and address in a Dippy game. It is totally unfair of the GM to withhold that information from other players. Maybe we should present it to the Diplomacy World to discuss and see what other players feel about ghost players and late GMs. You are something else

---PEGGY

P.S.: Did I once see you in "Street named Desire" with a torn shirt or was that another GM who was Polish?

ONE LETTER I WISHED I HAD RECEIVED, BUT DIDN'T:

Dear Valient GM:

Carry on the good work! ----ERIC BLAKE

LAST BUT NOT LEAST:

"The deadline can't be already----I'm still negotiating!" ---J.A.D.

POSITIONS:

AUS: A BUD, A TYR, A VEN, A VIE, F GRE, A SER.
ENG: F NWG, F NOR, A STP, A EDI, F LON.
FRA: A BUR, A PIC, A SPA, F MAR, F LYO.
GER: F DEN, F HOL, A BEL, A MUN, A KIE, A BER.
ITA: A PIE, F TYR, A ROM.
RUS: A SEV, A WAR, A BOH, A FIN, F SWE.
TUR: F ION, F AEG, A BUL, A CON

REBUTTALS, ARGUMENTS, AND OTHER ASSORTED BLASTS WILL BE PRINTED ON THE NEXT PAGE. READERS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR OWN THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS ON THIS MATTER AS THEY SEE FIT. SHADES OF THE *stab* LETTER COLUMN!

GAME HITS POLE; SEVEN FEMALES KILLED! or, The Gamesmaster blasts back:

Dealing with the preceding letters and messages in their order of importance, I would first apologize to Lorelle Grichton for the alleged actions which prompted her to lose interest in playing. ((LORELLE DOESN'T SAY THAT SHE IS MORE INTERESTED IN BLAIR NOW AND CAN'T AFFORD THE TIME TO PLAY OR HE MIGHT GET AWAY)). I might hope that Blair would resign in Lorelle's favor should my future actions meet with her approval and favor.

With Koning dead and Smythe muddled, the only person I know personally well enough to seek precedents and advice about ratable games is Edi Birsan. ((WALT BUCHANAN WOULD HAVE DONE AS WELL, BUT HE IS A SNITCH AND NOBODY LIKES SNITCHES)) A phone call to Edi produced the following interesting developments: There is a precedent for a player playing under an alias and winning the game under the assumed name. The problem was resolved in this instance with the win being awarded to the player under the name that he played the game as. ((SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR CONCERN, CAROL, ABOUT PLAYING IN AN UNRATABLE GAME! HAH!))

Moving on to the problem of negotiations with Samantha through the GM, I can safely disclose (because of what will follow below) that neither Carol Buchanan nor Margaret Gemignani bothered to even try and negotiate with Samantha through me. Your allegations about the time delay are therefore unfounded, Carol, and unproven. Samantha did in fact announce that she would negotiate only through her press releases so you should not have expected an answer to diplomacy that you did not even try to execute. As for the GM being 'unfair', read the rulebook about deception of players and deception of GMs. There is a difference. 'COWARDLY AND TOTALLY UNFAIR' smacks of something Charlie Reinsel would say if he were upset without justification and is shrill hysterics rather than a logical argument.

As to the certain verbal entreatments heard here: typical bourgeois feminist talk when nothing substantial can be said. ((I WOULD SAY MORE HERE, BUT DID YOU EVER SEE A SLOVAK BACKSWING!!!! AIEEEEEE)))

Following a couple of more phone calls, the following final developments:

- (1) Samantha Thaumaturge resigns.
- (2) Carol Tremblay Birsan will resume playing France.
- (3) The Players of Record before the Spring 1903 moves to read:
Austria: Blair Cusak ENGLAND; Carol Buchanan FRANCE: Carol Birsan
Germany: Margaret Gemignani Italy: JuneAnn Drennen Russia: Carol Wrobel
Turkey: Nina Pawlak.
- (4) The deadline for the Spring 1903 season will be March 11, 1975
- (5) Gamesmaster stocks up on aspirins.

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ALAS, POOR ERIC! HE DESERVED BETTER

FALL 1905

IA TYR (R) OTB./NMR/ FF WMED (R) SPAc

GERMANY (KLEIN): F NTH (C) DEN-LON. F NOR (S) MOS-STP. A VIE (S) A TYR. A MOS-STP. A TYR (S) FA MAR-PIE. A HOL (S) MUN-RUH. A MUN-RUH. A SIL-MUN. A DEN-LON.

TURKEY (KEATHLEY): F ION-APU. F AEG-ION. F EMED (S) AEG-ION. F CON-BULsc. F SMY-AEG. A BUD-TRI. A ALB (S) BUD-TRI. A RUM-BUD. A SEV HOLDS.

RUSSIA (PRASSE): NMR. A STP STANDS. /will wither there/

ITALY (BAKER): NMR. F TUN, F NAFR, F TYRR STAND. A-PIE/annihilated/ F WMED/annihilated/

FRANCE (LANHAM): A MAR-PIE. A BUR-MAR. F EDI-CLYDE. A BEL unordered. F BRE-MID.

F SPAc (S) MID-WMED. F MID-WMED. F LYON (S) MAR-PIE.

ENGLAND (BOULANGER): F WAL-LIV.

ENG: L0M, L1V. (1)(even)

FRA: PAR, BRE, MAR, POR, SPA, BEL, L1V, EDI. (7)(-1)

GER: MUN, BER, KIE, HOL, DEN, SWE, WAR, NOR, MOS, STP, L0N, VIE (12) (+3)

ITA: NOR, ROM, VEN, T1X, VIE, TUN. (4)(rebuild one)

RUS: STP. (0)(out)

WUR: SMY, CON, ANK, BUL, SER, RUM, SEV, BUD, GRE, TRI. (10)(+1)

A note from Mr. Baker states that he will be playing, so no stand-by needed. I can now see why Joel Klein has been so upset.

DEADLINE FOR WINTER 1905 ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MARCH 8, 1975

FALL 1910

THE POLE GAME

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*Turkish Fleet MidAtlantic retreats to English Channel.

ENGLAND (BARTNIKOWSKI): F Wal hold. F Mid (S) F Gas. F Gas (S) F Mid./a/ F Bre (S) F Mid. F Por (S) F Mid. A Bel (S) A Ruh. A Kie (S) A Ruh. F Bal (S) A Kie. F StPetenc-Bar! F Fin hold. A Ruh (S) A Kie.

AUSTRIA (LAKOFKA): A Ber-Kie. A Sil-Ber. A Pru (S) A Sil-Ber. A Mun-Bur. A Tyo-Mun. A Boh (S) A Tyo-Mun. A Bur-Gas. A Mar (S) A Bur-Gas. A Pie twiddles. F Lyo (S) F Spasc. F Spasc (S) TF Wes-Mid.

TURKEY (OSTAPKOVICH*): F NAF (S) F WMed-Mid. F WMed-Mid. F Cha-Nth. F Ion-WMed. F Tun (S) F Ion-WMed. A Smy-Con. A Sev holds. A Mos-StPete. A Liv (S) Mos-StPete. F Con-Aegean.

FRANCE (GORSKI): A PAR-MUN! /improbable/

AUS: VIE, BUD, TRI, SER, WAR, VEN, NAP, ROM, MUN, MAR, BER, SPA. (12) (build one)

ENG: LON, LIV, EDI, NOR, BEL, HOL, DEN, KIE, SWE, BRE, POR. (11) (rebuild one)

TUR: ANK, CON, SMY, BUL, SEV, MOS, RUM, GRE, STP, TUN, SPA. (10) (even)

FRA: PAR. (1) (even)

No Retreats. The new player of record for Turkey will be FRANK SUCHAR, 721 CAMBRIDGE, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO...Phone: 216-7880794...John Ostapkovich having to resign for personal reasons. In our quest to continue the game as fairly as possible, we have provided a replacement player who is Ukrainian as was Ostapkovich and a player who does not know Len personally, i.e., he might just remain your ally, Len, and is almost Polish! As the builds for Winter 1910 will most likely occur behind the lines for the Austrian and will either be in Edinburgh or London for the English, we can safely call for both Winter 1910 and Spring 1911 orders conditional as you see fit by March 8, 1975 please.

FIRST POLE ON THE STREET: "Hey, did you hear about Wladek and how he hurt his pole?"

SECOND POLE ON THE STREET: "So.....how did he do dat?"

FIRST POLE ON THE STREET: "....got a piece of the Rock."

FALL 1911 SOMEBODY THREW AMY VANDERBILT OUT OF THAT WINDOW!

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*French A Belgium retreats to Picardy, German F Berlin retreats to Baltic, Italian F Western Med retreats to Gulf of Lyon.

AUSTRIA (DASTOLI): A St.Pete holds. A Mos (S) A St.Pete. A Pru (S) A Ber. A Mun-Bur. A Ber (S) Tyr-Mun. A Tyo-Mun. A Boh (S) Tyr-Mun. A Gal-Sil. A Vie-Gal. A Ven-Tyo. A Pie holds. F Ion-Tyrr. F Apu holds. A Gre holds. A Con-Bul. F Aeg-Ion.

ENGLAND (KNUDSEN): F Por (S) F Mid. F Mid (S) F Bre. F Bre (S) F Mid. F WMed-Tun.

A Fin-StP. F Nor (S) A Fin-StP.

FRANCE (PANDIN): A Gas holds. A Picardy holds.

GERMANY (NEKORCHUK): A Bel holds. A Ruh-Mun. A Kie (S) A Ruh-Mun. F Bal-Both.

ITALY (BARENTS): F Lyen (S) F Mar-Spasc. F Mar-Spasc. F Spasc-Mid. F NAF (S) Spasc-Mid.

AUS: BUD, TRI, VIE, RUM, BUL, GRE, SER, MOS, WAR, STP, SEV, ANK, CON, SMY, MUN, VEN, BER. (17)(+1)

ENG: LON, LIV, EDI, POR, BRE, NOR, TUN. (7)(+1)

FRA: BEL, PAR. (1)(-1)

GER: KIE, HOL, DEN, SWE, BEL, BEL. (5)(still will be one short)

ITA: TUN, NAP, ROM, MAR, SPA. (4)(-1)

The deadline for Winter 1911 adjustments will be March 8, 1975. If possible, please include Spring 1912 orders conditional on winter adjustments as you see fit.

POLAND TO LOWELLVILLE: "THIS YEAR?"

SPRING 1907

AND THEY ALL MET AT GRANDMA'S HOUSE IN MUNICH!

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AUSTRIA (KEATHLEY): A Pie-Tus. A Alb-Tri. F Tun-WMed. A Ven (S) A Pie-Tus. A Apu-Nap. A StP-Fin. A Tyr-Pie. A Vie-Boh.

ENGLAND (STUART): F Nth (S) F Len-Cha. F Kie (S) A Ber. F Bal-Beth. F Den-Helg. A Ber (S) F Kie. F Len-Cha. F Swe-Ner.

FRANCE (SMITH): F Bre-Mid. F Mid-NAf. A Bel-Ruh. A Hel-holds. A Bur (S) A Bel-Ruh. A Mar-Pie. A Pic-Bel. F Liv-Iri.

GERMANY (LOTT): A Min holds.

ITALY (HARSNEY): A ROM-Apu. F Nap-(S) A Rom-Apu./retreat to Tyrr, OTB/

TURKEY (D.V.DAVIS): A Gre holds. A Rum-Gal. A Mes-Liv. F Ien (S) AA Apu-Nap. A Ukr-War. F Bla (C) A Ank-Sev. A Con-Bul. A Ank-Sev.

ITALIAN F Naples retreats to Tyrrhenian. The Deadline for Winter 1907 moves will be March 8, 1974

BEFORE SPRING 3023

LORDIE, LORDIE or, THE SECOND LORD GAME 1973BEED

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You will all recall that this was a test game and that I prefer not to have missed moves within. I am lacking moves for MORDOR (Bendo), ROHAN (Kleiner) and THE DWARVES (JUST-SO). I must therefore have moves for GONDOR (Birsan), THE ELVES (Hendry), and THE MEN OF THE NORTH (Libby). That's Logical! I know that Bend and Klein are out there somewhere just waiting to make their moves. Eric, please make yours! JOHN SMYTHE (Bee) will be the replacement player for you if you do not make it for this coming deadline.

POSITIONS:

MORDOR: TA ANORIEN, DA HARONDOR, DA WOLD, DA WEST EMNET, GDA ERED MITHRIN I, SA EMYN MUIL, SA ITHILIEN, SA MINAS MORGUL.

GONDOR: DA MINAS TIRITH, SA LEBENNIN, SA PELARGIR, SA KHAND,

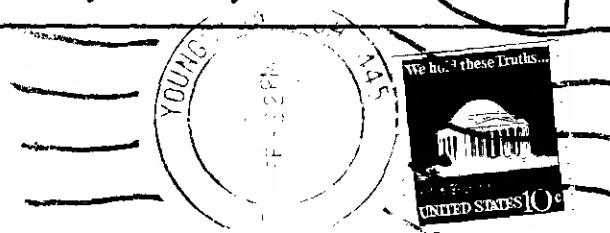
ROHAN: DA EDORAS, SA GAP OF ROHAN, SA RAUROS.

ELVES: SA ISENGARD, DA THARBAD, SA RIVENDALE, SA MT. GUNDABAD.

DWARVES: DA RHUDAUR, SA EREGION.

THE MEN: DA BROWNLANDS, SA BEORN, SA GLADDEN FIELD, SA ANDUIN'S VALE, SA RHUN, SA DAGORLAD, SA CARIN DUM, SA BARANDUIN, SA DALE, SA BREE, SA ESGAROTH.

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